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SUBJECT: US DELEGATION COMPOSITION TO EXECUTIVE BODIES OF
WHO

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1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FEEL THAT RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 8
OF REF TELEGRAM COULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE US REPRESENTA-
TION ON EXECUTIVE BODIES OF WHO. US POSITIONS ON BUDGETARY
MATTERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CAREFULLY PREPARED AND CLEARED BY
BUDGETARY EXPERTS IN BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND AT HEW/OIH.
US DELEGATES HAVE FORCEFULLY REPRESENTED THESE APPROVED
POSITIONS DURING DEBATES AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE RECORD.

2. THE PRESENCE OF A SENIOR BUDGET OFFICER IS NOT LIKELY TO
GREATLY IMPROVE US PERFORMANCE AT THE MEETINGS DUE TO CON-
STRAINTS RESULTING FROM (1) THE FORMAT OF THE MEETINGS, I.E.
30 MEMBERS IN EB, 151 MEMBERS AT WHA WITH ITS ATTENDANT DIF-
FICULTIES IN CARRYING OUT A DIALOGUE. (2) MOST SIGNIFICANT
DECISIONS ARE MADE WELL IN ADVANCE OF THESE MEETINGS AND TO
HAVE A MAJOR INPUT WE NEED TO FIND ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS AT
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AN EARLIER STAGE OF THE PROCESS. (3) AS ONE OF 30 OR 151

MEMBERS, EACH WITH DIVERSE INTERESTS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT

BUDGETARY EXPERTISE ALONE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO OVERTURN SENTIMENTS WHICH ARE OFTEN BASED ON OTHER STANDARDS AND PRIORITIES THAN OUR OWN. THE DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT CONTROLLING THE RISE OF THE BUDGETS AND STREAMLINING OPERATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION DEPENDS ON A SERIES OF CONSIDERATIONS OF WHICH BUDGETARY ASPECTS ARE ONLY ONE. WE AGREE THAT NEW WAYS NEED TO BE FOUND TO BRING BUDGETS UNDER CONTROL, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, CONCERTED EFFORTS BY THE GENEVA GROUP. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT PARTICIPATION OF A SENIOR BUDGET OFFICER ON US DELEGATIONS, UNDER THE CONSTRAINTS MENTIONED ABOVE, WOULD PROVE TO BE VERY FRUITFUL.
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